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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2000

Re: TopRok Mining Claim

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Mr. Munson,

Just to keep you posted and FYI.....

I hope you got my last packet with the pictures and our catalog....

Let me know if you hear anything....

Thanx....

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Bureau of Land Management Salt Lake Field Office 2370 South 2300 West Salt Lake Oity, UT 84119

Re: TopRok Mine Area

On or about January 12, 2000 I spoke with a very rude man from your office by the name of Mike Ford. I informed him that we have never done any excavation with any sort of "excavator" of which he claimed to have seen tracks on the referenced claim. I agreed, at that time, that I would be responsible if someone had done work on the claim since we tried to abandon it because we did not close or otherwise secure the site. Mr. Ford said he would be writing me a letter within a week or two and would enclose some names of some contractors that we could contact in order to get the work done. Not only have I not heard back from Mr. Ford, I have received no lists of contractors in the area who may be of help, despite his assurances he would provide such.

Further, in our conversation, Mr. Ford asked me if I had photographs of the mine area. At the time, I didn't know if I did. However, he angered me enough that I took the time to find photographs of the claim area taken the one and only time we were there. The photographs are numbered on the backs (in reversed order of pictures taken - picture I ended up being last picture from negatives and picture 22 the first picture taken) and clearly show that we did some minor hand excavation for surface samples (pictures 8, 9, 10 and 12). The pictures clearly show the shovel, pick crow bar, sledge hammer, rock hammer and the five gallon buckets we used to haul the sample rocks out in the camper/topper covered pickup truck we drove. We were only at the mine site that one time and the photos clearly show the corner markers we left. The reason for the visit was to asses the site for feasibility of mining it and to mark the corners. We have the negatives to show the sequence the pictures were taken. Two former employees accompanied myself, so have the word of two other persons to back my claims!!!

Quite interestingly enough, the pictures further and clearly show two separate disturbances already at the site area (picture 21 and 22). One seems to be "newer" and one "older" in picture 22. Thus with disturbances already at the site when we filed the claim, we should not be responsible for reclamation that should have been performed before we filed the claim (leading us to believe that there was no inspection done prior to BLM approving our claim - there is no way for BLM to substantiate the condition of the claim when we filed it, other than our own pictures). Quite honestly, I did not recall disturbances (or maybe we just didn't worry about them at the time) from the visit until I found the pictures.

Arguably, we filed our claim with the <u>intent</u> to mine it and that we intended to use heavy equipment to accomplish such. However and after we inspected the claim area, marked our claim and took hand-dug surface samples, we determined the costs would make if prohibitive to do any major "excavation" of the mine and did, in fact,

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do no work other than digging the surface samples with hand tools. We cannot prove that we weren't there after the pictures were taken (just like you cannot prove that we actually **did** do any major excavation). We can only prove, by photos, that there were disturbances already in place when we were taking hand-dug samples. Now, would it make sense that we would first make such disturbances and then hand-dig samples? Would it also make sense that we would make such disturbances and later mark our claim?

Trest my case. I am quite sure that an impartial mediator would find the same way. Sure enough I am that I am going to stand on my principles and laurels and refuse to make reclamations until you can provide evidence that the disturbances you refer to (not just some tracks) were made <u>after</u> we filed our claim, as I feel I have proved the disturbances were made <u>before</u> we filed our claim.

Had Mr. Ford or someone from the Bureau of Land Management called us long ago to discuss this or if Mr. Ford had even been a little more respectable in his conversation, I would be a little more amicable. However, to contact us 7 years after we attempted to abandon the claim with these outrageous allegations is preposterous!!! This is a matter that should have been taken care of in 1993, not 9 years after we were last there!!! First, when we fried to abandon it in 1993, the claim was left in better shape than it was when we filed our claim!!! Secondly, to try to force us to do any reclamation work for any damages done after that date is preposterous, as they should have been requested at the time we attempted to abandon the claim. To wait an additional 7 years and then attempt to make us clean up Lord only knows what, is unfair!! Then, for Mr. Ford to treat me in the manner in which he did.......

Enclosed is a copy of my February 11, 2000 letter to Tom Munson of the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, at which time he was also provided copies of the photos to which I refer in this letter. It will further substantiate my claims!!! Also, find your own copies of the photos to which I refer in this letter.

gotten and demand that it be <u>much</u> sooner than within the next seven years!!!). Speaking of your 7 years lapse in communication, does not the Federal Statute of Limitations (7 years) apply? Are we not entitled to some sort of expedited treatment, not to be left in limbo for over 7 years?!?!?! If you can be reasonable and courteous, I can be the same. What goes around comes around, eh, Mr. Ford?

Most Sincerely,

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cc. Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Specialist